

House Resolution No. 304

Whereas, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives take pause to acknowledge a rare milestone in the history of the City of Kirkwood, Missouri; and

Whereas, Kirkwood was formally established on February 9, 1853, when the Missouri General Assembly put its stamp of approval on the creation of Kirkwood Association; and

Whereas, named after Pacific Railroad Chief Engineer James Pugh Kirkwood, the City of Kirkwood received its charter as a town in 1865 as the devastation caused by the Civil War drew to a close and the nation began its healing; and

Whereas, known as the first planned residential community west of the Mississippi River, Kirkwood still provides daily train service from its downtown station which was built in 1893 and is now on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, Kirkwood exudes a rich sense of history through its earliest streets named for American presidents and through Kirkwood Junction which was established in 1975 as the first Special Business District in the state of Missouri; and

Whereas, in addition to its own library and electric, water, and sanitation departments, Kirkwood justifiably boasts a regional recycling depository that welcomed more than 1,000 customers per day and accepted more than 6 million pounds of materials in 2002; and

Whereas, noted for having one of the best school districts in Missouri, Kirkwood is the home of citizens who are civic minded, participants in more than twenty community boards and commissions, and members of numerous charitable and service organizations:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the establishment of Kirkwood as a Missouri city and to convey to all of those involved in the planning and carrying out of more than forty commemorations and festivities throughout the year this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for unparalleled success in all of their diverse undertakings; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the illustrious City of Kirkwood, Missouri, in honor of February 9, 2003, Kirkwood Establishment Day celebrations.

Offered by _____
Representative Richard G. Byrd
District No. 94

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 304, adopted February 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker